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HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS



Students in the schoolroom at Soldiers Summit, with Charles Bronson, teacher, standing in the rear of the room.



Charles E. Bronson, now 86 years old, and still active with the Heber Riding Club, lead the Wasatch County Centennial Parade in 1959.

*He was a beautiful
penman & served as
County recorder from
19 to
His secretaries were:
Mattie Clegg and*

JOHN GALLAGHER, SARAH
ROBINSON AND ELIVIA
BRITTINGHAM



John Gallagher was born December 14, 1809, in Liverpool, England, son of Thomas Gallagher and Ann Stephenson.

He married Sarah Robinson, from whom union issued three children: Thomas, John William, and Emma.

Married to Mary Elivira Brittingham, Children: Ephraim, Mary Elivira and eleven other children not listed.

John Gallagher's parents came from Ireland. He had two brothers, William and Edward. He grew to manhood in England, working at his trade of tailor. He was a very good one. He loved drama and acted on some of the largest stages. He played in the early theaters in Utah and was one of the leading men in their company. He was outstanding in drama. A very fine penman, in England he did much of the scribes for them. He kept a place for people who belonged to the Church. They could find hiding and a place to eat and sleep. He heard of the Prophet Joseph Smith and of his

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teachings and became converted and was baptized. He managed a mission house for the Elders. His greatest desire was to come to America. After many delays he, with his wife and children, set sail. He married Sarah Robinson of his parish in the Church of St. Martins-in-the-Fields, Liverpool, in the county of Lancaster, in 1839.

They went into Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where they lived awhile. Then they moved to St. Louis, Missouri. Later they went to New Orleans, where he left his family to go to St. Louis, Missouri, to see if he could get located in his business as a tailor. He found things in St. Louis very good, so he sent for his little family. Accordingly he met the boat and he was handed the three small children. They didn't know what had become of the mother, as she boarded the boat with them. Some of the workers on board had heard a splash, as if a body were falling in the water. They thought the mother had got up to attend the children and had fallen into the river. This was a blow to grandfather.

He met Mary Elivira Brittingham (my grandmother) at the St. Louis mission, where she embraced the gospel and was baptized. They seemed to be meant for each other, and were married. She had seven children. This totaled 10 children in the family. They had 13 children born to them. Grandmother said he was so good to her and her children that he made a heaven on earth for them. He began to make plans to come to Utah, so they could be with the saints. They left St. Louis in the fall of 1863, traveling with the Captain Herber company, and walked all the way.

Their clothes were made of gray homespun linsey. He was a tailor by profession. He was the first official postmaster of Heber, delivering letters from house to house free of charge. He kept the county records and was prominent in civic affairs. He took out his citizenship at the age of 42. He had to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign prince, state and sovereignty whatsoever, and particularly to the queen of Great Britain and Ireland.

THOMAS HUSKINSON GILES



Thomas Huskinson Giles was born August 6, 1821, in Bridgeford, Nottingham, England, son of William Giles and Sarah Huskinson.

He married Elizabeth Susanna Moore February 13, 1845, who was born January 21, 1812, in Epworth, Lincolnshire, England, daughter of Thomas Moore. She died January 2, 1888.

Thomas had a very good education and after completing his schooling he worked in the brick and tile yards in England.

In 1849 his wife's sister interested them in the doctrines of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They joined the Church and left England for the United States on March 5, 1854, arriving at New Orleans on April 25, 1854.

They lived in Quincy, Illinois, two years and in the spring of 1856 left there for Florence, Neb., the regular point for crossing the plains. On June 5, 1856, they started for Salt Lake City, arriving August 16. On the 18th of August they left for Provo, Utah.

Thomas soon began to make adobes to build his home, also for others to build with. He made 60,000 bricks the first year.

In 1857 he went to Echo Canyon to help keep Johnston's Army from coming into Salt Lake Valley.

In 1860 he moved to Heber and planted

his grain and vegetables for the coming winter, and built fences, dug ditches and built a home.

He was the first Sunday School superintendent in Wasatch County. In 1868 he was made a counselor to Bishop Hatch and later, in 1877, was made counselor to Stake President Hatch. He was also county assessor and collector of taxes, probate judge, and a member of the Legislature. He was ordained a patriarch for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1898.

He and his wife reared a good and honorable family.

ELIZABETH SUSANNA MOORE GILES



Her early life was one of many hardships. She had to help her father support the family, working in factories and in families of royalty who entertained very often.

They lived in Bridgeford until the spring of 1854, when they and their five children left England to come to the United States. They settled in Quincy, Illinois, and another child was born to them there on the 16th of September.

In the spring of 1857 they left Illinois with an independent company for Salt Lake City, arriving August 16. Then, on the 18th, they left for Provo, where they made their home until 1859, when they moved to Heber City, Wasatch County.

She was a real pioneer, a good Latter-day Saint and a good mother. She was loved by all who knew her.

When she died she left a husband and six children. She was buried in Heber Cemetery.



Thomas H. Giles
superintendent of common
schools

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